

# Revitalize Student Interest By Listening, Participating

Once a month Salemites are given an opportunity to participate in the government under which they must live. Apparently we take the whole situation pretty lightly. When the program is announced as "Student Government," many people plan to take a cut and sleep in or spend a few hours in the sun, while those few that are interested or cannot afford to cut any more programs scuff and shuffle over to the Fine Arts Center. If they listen at all to what is being said it is often just so that they can laugh at the speaker or whisper behind their hands. Have you ever stopped to notice that those people who entertain motions and second them are usually to be found in one particular section, and very often the same voice speaks out again and again because no one else seems to know that they've been given a chance to do something besides just sit. I also find it hard to believe that everyone always agrees with all motions that are made. However, if voice vote reactions are any indication of the feelings of the students, all Salemites think exactly alike or are afraid to voice their own opinions. Isn't it time that you sit up and listen so that you can take an intelligent part in the meetings that are held especially for you?

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# Colleges Assume New Role With Varied Students, Ideas

By Lyn Davis

The universities of today are taking on a new look. This outward appearance is merely an indication of a basic change that underlies the institutions themselves and is indicative of the minds of their directors. Yet this change will undoubtedly reach the private college level in a few years, as have all the other policies filtered down slowly through the educational system in America.

Along with the incoming freshman class will be innovations just as new as the freshmen themselves. The Ivy League is once again taking the initiative in admitting, and sometimes even actively recruiting, different types of students. Those who did not do so well in high school—those who have not been in school for a few years—minority group members who have not had the opportunities that white Americans have been given—all of these are being readily accepted. These students will give these universities a fresh outlook on earning an education.

Many such innovations have already been passed on to the smaller institutions. The experimental college is perhaps the best example. It was first started on the West Coast and quickly spread to the New England schools where the program was slightly modified but nonetheless adopted. Operating on the theory that each individual, if he is truly determined to expand his mind, learns only by himself, the experimental college frees the student to challenge and guide himself in those paths he wants to follow. In its truest form, the experimental college is totally unstructured: no set class meetings, no grading scale, no required reading. The older person or persons recruited from the faculty enter as wholeheartedly into the learning process as do the students. The faculty member is there also to learn; he completely abandons his former role of instructor and joins the students in the deep probing and mind-searching that characterizes a true experimental college.

Liberalization of social rules and students' assuming responsibility for all matters outside the academic circle and classroom also began in New England. The "in loco parentis" theory (which states that the college assumes the role of the parent in protecting and disciplining the child-student) is being demolished by the Supreme Court, which recently ruled that the logic of this theory is totally invalid. If a parent has the right to order a child's or a student's life, then the parent must also assume the role of protector. If an institution chooses to adopt this stance, then it cannot expel or suspend a student because a parent cannot throw his own child out of the house. Thus the students are assuming responsibility for everything outside the academic sphere (which is left to the administration and faculty). The food service, bookstore, social regulations, and other such matters are placed in the hand of the student government. In this way, the administration is freed to teach and the students are freed to create an environment that they feel is most conducive to the learning process. Each is able to do what he can do best.

Other writers contributing this week are Annie McLeod, Debbie Lotz, Sue Wooten, Barbara Horney, Karen Park, and Jane Orcutt.



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# Around The Square By Sterling Winstead

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The last two weeks really have been pretty and Salem girls have been taking advantage of the good weather to do a little sun bathing. When the heat gets a little too much and the minutes start dragging by, it's surprising how much "trivia" you can pick up around the Clewell pool area. Salem girls will never stop using their heads!

Speaking of heads, I hear Nancy Johnson got a bucket of water poured on hers as she reclined on the sidewalk watching the eclipse of the moon a few weeks ago.

No one could decide which day was Jill Silverstein's birthday. Let's see—she got a cake Sunday; then Wednesday she got another cake;

then Thursday she got another cake. She had a surprise birthday the night after she got her second cake, but then, let's see, that really wasn't her birthday, but . . . Oh well, Happy Birthweek, Jill!

It seems this year's Easter bunny brought rings instead of eggs.

Liz Douglas got engaged Easter to Bill Lowry, Marilyn Lowry's brother, who works with an insurance company in Richmond, Virginia.

The Easter bunny, alias Ramsey White, a senior at Guilford College, gave Betsy Kitchin a diamond over Easter.

Liz and Betsy, roommates, have both planned August weddings.

Theo Powell, a KA and sopho-

more at Davidson, couldn't even wait for Spring Frolics to pin Melanie Motley. He drove up here Thursday night before to give her the pin.

Hillary Masters came back from UVa. last weekend sporting Wayne Lee's Phi Gam pin. Wayne is a senior at UVa. from Memphis, Tennessee.

Larry Caldwell, a Sig Ep and senior at Davidson, re-pinned Jane Wilson last weekend also.

Bill Garnett, a Wake Forest junior, couldn't resist giving Julie Stevens his Theta Chi pin. After all, it was so romantic sitting on a stump in front of the Theta Chi House last Saturday night.

All of Biting helped Anna Donnegan celebrate her 21 birthday, Thursday, April 18. The party, a total surprise to Anna, was complete with four different types of cake and popcorn.

Gossip! Gossip! I guess I've done enough damage for a while. But I'll keep my eyes open and ears clear to let you know next time what is happening around the Square.

# Recent Speakers Praise Salem's Euhusiasm, Charm

(Editor's Note: The following letters were received by James Bray, Symposium Committee Chairman. He asked that The Salemite share them with you.)

April 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Bray:

Just a short note to extend to you my personal congratulations on an extraordinarily well organized and executed Symposium. I cannot think of a comparable event in which I have participated in recent years that went so smoothly from beginning to end. From my perspective as a participant, your careful planning and efficiency throughout made my two days at Salem much more rewarding and interesting than a speaker normally expects. Needless to say, I think the vibrancy of you and the others, both faculty and students, who participated during those days increased the intellectual flavor of the experience.

Please convey my personal thanks to each of the people who shared with you the responsibility for the Symposium. I only wish that my feeble mind would allow me to recollect each of their names so I could do so personally. Finally, to the young ladies of Salem College must go considerable credit for the success of the Symposium. Their attendance, interest, maturity, and free spirit of inquiry and involvement pushed each of the three guests hard enough to insure a good two-day dialogue. And,

according to Dr. Hill, that is the essence of the matter.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for the remainder of the academic year,

Yours,  
Arthur R. Miller  
Professor of Law  
University of Michigan

April 9, 1968

Dear Mr. Bray:

I would like to tell you, the other faculty members, and especially the students, how much I enjoyed participating in your symposium last week. The experience was an exhilarating one for me. The opportunity of relating to the girls through all kinds of large and small, formal and informal, situations gave me a feeling of having made some significant contacts with a multitude of individuals. I found the girls, in general, to be sincere, enthusiastic, vital, sensitive, and charming. What a thrill it was to indulge in such frank and deep dialogue with them! The girls embody a special quality of femininity which seems to be generally lacking in Northern young women. After such an encounter with these young women it is hard for one to entertain too much pessimism about the future of our nation.

I would appreciate it if you would relay to them my fondest regards and tell them that I will al-

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# Elections Occur For Choice '68

The rainy weather on Wednesday, April 24, didn't deter Salem girls from participating in the Choice '68 election. Balloting was held from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students voted for presidential candidates, indicating their first, second, and third choices. Because of unforeseen events in the past few weeks, students were urged to use the blank space on the ballot for a write-in candidate if his name did not appear on the ballot.

Cyndee Grant was in charge of off-campus publicity for the primary. Several radio stations, including WTOB, WAIR, and WKBX carried announcements about the voting. WSJS television filmed voting activities at one of the polling places and the Winston-Salem Journal also covered the voting. A taped interview between Diane Crews of WTOB, Cyndee Grant, and Hannah Nicholson will be broadcast on Sunday, May 5, on WTOB. Also, a UPI release was sent to Raleigh, Charlotte, and other North Carolina cities to show the student interest in national politics.

Netta Newbold was in charge of the polling places, which were set up in each dorm. Lyn Davis and her committee handled on-campus publicity and Jane Roughton handled the rally held during the April Student Government assembly. Mr. Sanders served as faculty advisor and Suzanne Mallard was over-all secretary.

Indications were during the first hours of balloting, that Sen. Eugene McCarthy was leading the Salem voting. National results will be announced on television on or around May 5. Salem will receive the campus and national results the first week in May, after they have been computed by UNIVAC computers.

# Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,

It appears that there is a gross misconception concerning the procedure of Judicial Board and the principles under which it operates. Speaking for the Judicial Board, I would like to thank Sue Wooten for the time she has given to the article describing our guidelines and proceedings. As many of us, she is concerned that the truth be known and the apparent misunderstanding be cleared up.

Thank you,  
Joan Hobbs

